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COMMISSIONERS PLAY, BUT UNDER PROTEST

Fuss in Departmental League Circles Continues Unabated—First Game Ends Unsatisfactorily in a Tie. May Act on Byrd Case.

The recent decision in the Departmental League to have the postponed games of the Commissioners and Commerce and Labor played after the regular schedule has brought a storm of protest from the Commissioners, and the executive committee has been asked to make public the authority which it has in ordering the games played. In asking the committee last week Manager Fuller, of the Commissioners' team in regard to the action, and follows his statement with a letter to the committee herewith printed.

June 27, 1910.

Mr. M. O. Chance, President, Departmental Baseball League, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: The Commissioners' baseball team will play the postponed games ordered by the executive committee of the Departmental League, despite the fact that absolutely no authority has been presented showing the said committee's power to order these games played after the close of the regular season. Friday, June 24, 1910, the Commissioners' team will play these games under protest; that is to say, by playing them we want it distinctly understood that we relinquish none of our rights to the first position in the league to which we claim we are just and properly entitled.

DEPARTMENTAL LEAGUE.

STANDING.	W.	L.	Pct.
Commissioners	8	3	.727
C. & L.	7	4	.636
Post Office	6	5	.550
Agriculture	6	7	.457
Navy	2	8	.200

GAME TODAY. Commissioners vs. Navy.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT. Commissioners, 2; Commerce and Labor, 2.

GROUND. South Diamond, Ellipse.

The run-in that Empire Betts had with Byrd, the Commissioners' pitcher, yesterday, is the first serious mishap in the Departmental League this year. That the Commissioners as a whole are highly incensed at the action of the committee is to be expected, but on the whole it may have been more sportsmanlike to have taken the decision with better grace. Empire Betts has always done capital work in the games this year and has been particularly efficient backed up his decisions.

The first game of the postponed series was between the two leaders in the race, and it is a singular coincidence to note that the rain called a halt with the teams tied. This, of course, calls for another game and may drag the series into another week.

No action other than ordering the postponed games played has been taken by the executive committee. It would be interesting to know what is going on. Some of the followers of the Commissioners claim that they can win out over any action and are willing to back up their assertions. The fighting spirit is there and some warm games are sure to be seen.

The Navy may step up and take the Commissioners down a peg this afternoon. It may be that the teams not in sympathy with the action taken by the committee will try to throw games. The situation will be watched with more than unusual interest.

Byrd will probably be in the box today, as yesterday's game did not go the full route. It has been noticed that Byrd gets better as the game proceeds. Robinson, who is doing the bulk of the work for Brightwood, has also done all the work in putting the Commissioners where they are, and will need rest for future games.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

STANDING.	W.	L.	Pct.
Andrews	10	2	.833
Herald	10	4	.714
E. & W.	8	7	.533
Southeast Club	5	7	.416
D. N. Walford	4	7	.364

GAME TODAY. Herald vs. Southeast Y. M. C. A.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT. Andrews, 3; Berry & Whitmore, 0 (forfeited).

GROUND. Georgia avenue and Kenyon street northwest.

Berry & Whitmore failed to put a full nine on the field yesterday and thus forfeited to the Andrews' team. The practice game was played, but old rainmaker butted in the second inning and Umpire Connors called the game. Neither side had scored.

Manager Bates Davis, of Andrews, has signed up two new players in Carl Weber and John Callo. Weber is a southpaw from Virginia and is reported to be a good man with the stick, besides being a strong pitcher. Callo is a catcher from the Railroad Y. M. C. A. League.

C. R. Wentz, of Berry & Whitmore, who was hit by a pitched ball last Friday and had to retire from the game, will be unable to play any more this season. Wentz will be greatly missed from the Merkle Station, where he pitched good ball.

If the Herald boys play the same style of ball today when they meet the strong Southeast team as they have been during the past week, they should make a strong bid for the honors. "Reggie" Rawlings and "Country" Morris will compose the battery for the Newspaper nine.

Manager J. C. Lynn, of Berry & Whitmore, made several changes in his lineup which he hopes will strengthen his team. H. Woodward, who has been in the center garden, will hereafter be in short, while Rene Ruiz will shift from the right field to second base.

Helm, for copy of the provision of the constitution empowering the executive committee to order these games played after the close of the regular season. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

SE. A. FULLER, Mgr. Commissioners' B. B. Club.

Yesterday's game between Commerce and Labor and the Commissioners, the first of the postponed schedule, did not settle the status of affairs. The game was one of wrangling from the start, and, as far as an exhibition was concerned, was anything but pleasant for the fans. Rain spoiled the game in the fifth inning, with the score a tie and left the teams in the same condition as before with regard to unplayed games.

The action of Byrd in throwing the ball over the backstop in a fit of petulance may be taken up by the committee. There are many who would like to hear what the committee has in view regarding the postponed game. Silence does not help matters at present, and the fans are wondering what the outcome will be.

INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE.

STANDING.	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Martin's	8	3	.727
Manhattan	5	4	.556
St. Paul's	6	4	.600
Twining	5	6	.455
National Union	5	6	.455
Nassau	2	12	.143

GAME TODAY. St. Paul's vs. Nassau.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT. St. Martin's, 2; Manhattan, 1.

GROUND. Lincoln avenue and Rhode Island avenue northeast.

St. Martin's goes into first place by its victory over Manhattan yesterday by 2 to 1. The contest, which was played in a downpour of rain, was from the start a battle royal. In the first round the Churchmen scored on a base on balls, a hit, an error, and a wild pitch. In the fifth the Manhattan tied them when "Chucky" Dampier connected for a two-bagger, stole third, and scored on John Stephens' error. St. Martin's won in the seventh as a result of Umbaugh's wildness. He walked Walters, who scored the first run. In the eighth, Dampier and Walters singled, advancing Walters to third. Molloy fanned, but Tansil hit, forcing in the winning run.

Becker and Leonard did the twirling for the Churchmen. Becker started the game, and after facing twelve and allowing but three hits, he weakened in the sixth and was relieved by Leonard. In the two innings Leonard pitched four men fanned, one was passed, and one was hit, but not a single result from his delivery.

Jimmy Donnelly played a stellar game on record for the losers. He accepted five chances without a slip-up, and got one of his team's three hits. In the eighth he came near scoring a run that would have tied the score. With one down he was hit, stole second, and would have made the circuit had it not been for Tansil's spectacular catch of Riddle's long drive.

Shorty Molly made three hits, two of which were scored. He made one in the ninth, but because the losers did not get last runs the game goes back to the eighth inning and Shorty is robbed of a hit.

Tansil had three chances in center and got them all. In the eighth, when out, and a man on second, Riddle knocked a long drive to deep center. Tansil was off at the crack of the bat on a lead run. He made the most spectacular catch of the season and saved the day for St. Martin's.

"Chucky" Dampier connected for the only extra base hit. In the fifth he got a double, stole third and scored on an error.

In the sixth good playing on the part of the Manhattan's third sacker saved a possible run. With one out, Molloy singled. Tansil was hit, Collinsworth bunted. Molloy went to third. John, the next man, lined one to Chucky Dampier on third who by a pretty throw got Molloy at the plate.

CAPITAL CITY LEAGUE.

STANDING.	W.	L.	Pct.
Cornell Co.	10	3	.769
Sew. P. Sta.	8	4	.667
Aloysius	7	4	.636
Navy Yard	5	8	.385
St. Stephens	4	8	.333
Midways	3	9	.250

GAME TODAY. Sewage Pumping Station vs. Cornell Company.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT. Navy, 3; Midways, 2.

GROUND. First and M streets northeast.

Stupid base running kept the score low yesterday. It looked as if Navy Yard would lose a game which rightfully belonged to it. A batting rally in the last session turned the tide.

The winners broke the ice in the first inning and then went runless until the ninth.

Giovannetti, for the Gun Makers, allowed only five hits, but he was too free with his passes, permitting six to walk.

Jaschke led in batting with three singles.

Daly, playing left field for the losers, had two hits. One of these was from deep left to the plate.

The game was played in remarkably fast time. Only one hour and ten minutes had elapsed when the winning run was scored in the ninth. The first five innings required but thirty minutes.

BOXER'S INJURIES FATAL.

PITTSBURG, June 28.—After lying in a semi-conscious condition since the evening of June 7, when he was injured in a boxing bout at Negley's Run, Ernest Campbell, aged twenty-two, is dead at the home of his parents. Lewis Sands and Ralph Hawley are under arrest as participants in the bout.

One Highly Esteemed Citizen



GEORGE MCBRIDE, Washington Shortstop, Who Is a Big Factor in Run Getting and Timely Hitting These Days.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY LEAGUE.

STANDING.	W.	L.	Pct.
Auditors	5	0	1.000
Traffic	2	1	.714
Operating	2	2	.500
Bookkeepers	2	2	.500
Treasurers	1	6	.143
Law	0	9	.000

GAME TODAY. Bookkeepers vs. Law.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT. No game.

GROUND. White Lot.

Today Law will make a valiant effort to break into the win column. Although few games have been played in the league, Law has so far been unable to land a game.

With but three games a week fans complain that the teams are unable to do themselves justice. As far as exercise and a healthy time is concerned, contests of the kind have been sufficient for some of the husky athletes for a week. Some arms and legs result from the occasional games.

Auditors will rest comfortably on their laurels this week at the head of the league. There is no regularly scheduled game.

Now that the Departmental League's season is drawing to a close, the Bankers will divide honors with the Southern League in drawing the crowd on the White Lot.

BANKERS' LEAGUE.

STANDING.	W.	L.	Pct.
Commercial National	7	0	1.000
American Security	5	2	.714
N. Y. & T.	4	2	.667
National City	2	6	.250
American National	0	9	.000

GAME TODAY. American National vs. Commercial.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT. American Security, 9; National City, 0 (forfeited).

GROUND. North diamond White Lot.

The leaders and the tailenders play this afternoon. The game yesterday was forfeited to the American Security team. It is with regret that so many of these games are forfeited. The bankers draw a good crowd and many have been disappointed at the nonappearance of the teams.

One of the reasons for not showing up is that a rush of business at the beginning of a month or at the beginning of every week necessitates holding the players at the banks until it is too late to play. Some provision might be made whereby players could be drafted in cases of this kind.

MARQUETE LEAGUE.

STANDING.	W.	L.	Pct.
Columbia	7	1	.875
Pension Bureau	7	3	.700
Diamond	5	4	.556
C. & P. Tel.	4	4	.500
G. P. O.	2	7	.222
Hygienic Laboratory	1	7	.125

GAME TODAY. Pension vs. C. & P. Telephone.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT. No game.

GROUND. First and W streets northwest.

The Hygienic Laboratory team has secured the services of Batch, a promising left fielder. Batch reported for contest yesterday, but the rain robbed him of a try-out.

The Diamond Athletic Club had two new men out, Quigley, a pitcher, and Strouthers, first base. Both looked good for the few innings they played.

Sergeant Robbins last night secured the services of the St. Martin's star catcher. Pension Bureau has been sorely in need of a catcher since Mace went to Fredericksburg, and after much coaxing Brewer signed the papers.

Thursday Pension Bureau and Diamond Club clash. These teams are about evenly matched, and a battle royal is expected. Robbins, the Pension Bureau manager, has been adding material with which to build up his weakened team. Diamond has about the same team that it has had all season, and is going at a gallop. When these two contestants meet an interesting game should result.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAGUE.

STANDING.	W.	L.	Pct.
Ninth	7	0	.778
Hamline	9	0	.750
Anacostia	7	0	.700
Peck	4	0	.333
Langdon	3	0	.250
Sixth	2	0	.200

GAME TODAY. Ninth vs. Sixth.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT. No game.

GROUND. Thirtieth and D streets northeast.

Rain stopped the slugging match between Anacostia and Langdon yesterday in the first half of the fifth.

Phillips, of Anacostia, landed on the horsehide for a homer in the second session. He drove the ball into the car barn, and chased three runs over the pan.

Erskine took the slab for the Langdonites and punched six in four rounds.

John Pumphrey was the hero with the stick, landing on Erskine's shoats for two doubles and a single in three times up. His last smash would have gone for a triple had he touched second. This performance is getting common in the Church League.

E. Porter put on the mask for Langdon yesterday, and showed up splendidly. He also connected for a single and a double in two trips to the pan.

Sayers, of Langdon, muffed an easy fly in the fifth round, which resulted in three tallies for Anacostia.

Litchfield will mount the rubber for Sixth this afternoon, and will try hard to displace Ninth from the upper berth.

OLYMPIA LEAGUE.

STANDING.	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Stephen's	8	1	.889
Olives	6	1	.857
Tenleytown	7	3	.700
Tanglewood	4	8	.333
Prospect	1	5	.166
Madeira	1	8	.111

GAME TODAY. Olives vs. Prospect.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT. No game.

GROUND. Thirtieth and V streets northwest.

The prospects have signed Murphy, the well-known Georgetown catcher. Although it is some time since he has been in harness, Friday's game showed that he is made of the right stuff.

The suspension of Chapple, the Tenleytown backstop, has been lifted, and he caught in last Friday's game. Day, of St. Stephen's, and Beach, of Tenleytown, will be back in the game shortly.

Now that the grass has been cut, ground rules will probably be abolished, or a more satisfactory method adopted.

Tanglewood has released players Loeh, Ottut, Hager, Martens, Johns, Nelson, and Carter. Manager Fox announces that a classy bunch of ball-tossers will replace those let out.

Prospect is another team which will shortly have many new players in its line-up.

BROWN IS LET OUT BY RICHMOND CLUB

Capital Boy Will Probably Join Rocky Mount, N. C., Nine.

RICHMOND, Va., June 28.—Curley Brown will not be with the Colts longer this season. The news will cause regret all around the circuit, since the youngster has made many friends by his consistent playing. Manager Lawlor decided that Brown did not have the knowledge of the game that is possessed by Johnny Shaw, and the newcomer has gotten Brown's place at third permanently. It is not the purpose of the local management to release Brown outright unless he demands it. They desire to hold him for next year, if possible, as they recognize the youngster's ability. Lawlor states that he has the chance that he will go with Brown next year, and they only want him to get a little more experience in the position.

McDonald, the old Winchester and Georgetown star, who is now with the Goldsboro Club, has wired Brown, asking that he take him down there. Brown may accept this offer, and will make a decision on Monday.

Rocky Mount, of the Eastern Carolina League, is very anxious to get Brown, and Owner Bradley is now negotiating with them for some time. The matter is up to Brown now, and the chances are that he will go with the Carolina team and get such experience as will fit him for good work with the Colts next year.

SUBURBAN LEAGUE.

STANDING.	W.	L.	Pct.
Petworth	7	3	.700
Woodburn	6	4	.600
Takoma	6	4	.600
Brightwood	6	4	.600
Silver Spring	5	5	.500
Mt. Pleasant	1	8	.111

GAME TODAY. Brightwood vs. Petworth.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT. Petworth, 6; Woodburn, 6 (7 innings).

GROUND. New Hampshire avenue and Upshur street, Petworth, D. C.

Petworth and Woodburn started off well yesterday afternoon, but play was interrupted in the third round by rain and Umpire Cubert Myers called the game. Barnes and Parker made up the battery for the Petworth nine, while Barton and Baggett were working for Woodburn.

The officers of the Suburban League held an important meeting last night. The Mt. Pleasant team was made the partner with the Washington Post aggregation, which will have in its line-up a few Mt. Pleasant men, but will continue the schedule of the Mt. Pleasant team. The acting manager, following Mt. Pleasant's inability to place a full nine on the diamond.

ARRANGING DETAILS FOR ORPHANS' DAY

Committee Wants More Machines for Annual Outing Tomorrow Afternoon.

Arrangements are today being completed for the annual orphans' day, under the auspices of the Automobile Club of Washington, which will be held tomorrow.

Ever since the announcement of the date the special committee having in charge the entertainment for the young ones, has been receiving offers of cars from different dealers and private owners. While many have already been volunteered Chairman Spence said this morning that it is desirable that considerably more be offered before tomorrow as there are nearly 700 orphans to be handled.

All cars are expected to assemble at Franklin Park promptly at 1 o'clock. After gathering orphans from different asylums the whole party will be taken through the city streets and then out to Glen Echo Park which has been leased for the afternoon by the Automobile Club.

As orphans' day is one of the features of the club's year the members are particularly anxious that it be an unqualified success and for that reason it is hoped that every car owner who can possibly spare his car, place it at the disposal of the committee. It is planned to publish a list tomorrow of all those who add to the success of the undertaking.



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